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ICE'S CHICAGO REGION DEPORTS 82 TO MEXICO IN ONE WEEK

Sex offender on flight as agency continues to enforce immigration laws

CHICAGO— A man convicted of second-degree sexual assault for locking a 16-year-old girl in a room at a party and asking her to perform oral sex was one of 82 Mexican nationals deported last week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

These deportations reflect ICE's commitment to restoring integrity to the nation's immigration system as the agency comes off a record year of deportations.

Ruben Gomez-Torres, a 19-year-old Mexican national and resident of Lake Geneva, was one of five individuals who, on Jan. 29, 2002, locked a 16-year-old girl in a room during a party in Bloomfield, Wis. and asked her to perform oral sex and sexual intercourse against her will. At one point during the assault, Gomez-Torres grabbed the victim by the neck, and forced her head toward his groin area. He was convicted of false imprisonment and second-degree sexual assault in Walworth County, Wis. in 2002 and sentenced to 5 years in prison.

"ICE's job is to restore integrity to the U.S. immigration system, and these deportations send a clear signal that we take that responsibility seriously," said Field Office Director Debbe Achim. "Those who think they can come to the United States in order to flout our laws, assault vulnerable young women or otherwise pose a threat to the safety and well-being of our communities should know that our agents will take swift action to remove them from this country."

ICE's Chicago Office of Detention and Removal, which encompasses Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri, is responsible for detaining and deporting aliens in accordance with immigration laws.

Aliens are deported aboard commercial airlines and aircraft of the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world and handles hundreds of requests every day to move prisoners and criminal aliens nationally and internationally.

"Should any of these people attempt to reenter the United States without proper authority, the Department of Homeland Security would stop them and present them to the U.S. Attorney for

prosecution," said Achim. "Reentry after deportation is a felony that carries a possible 25 year prison sentence."

ICE's Chicago detention and removal officers deported 6,077 criminal and illegal aliens living in the agency's Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas operational area in fiscal year 2004, an increase of 24 percent over the previous year.

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